country during each of the last three years and so far during the current year indicating the value of the contraband goods and narcotic drugs smuggled via Kutch and other border areas of Gujarat, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Smuggling, being a clandestine activity, factual information in respect of its proportion, whether it is on a large scale or otherwise, is not available. However, it is a fact that India, in view of its geographical location, is increasingly facing the problem of transit traffic in drugs. The various enforcement agencies remain alert to check smuggling of drugs and other contraband.

The quantities of different drugs seized during the last three years and in the current year (upto 30-6-1988) are given below. Information available in respect of the drugs seized in Gujarat from 1986 onwards is indicated within brackets:—

Name of drug	Quantity seized (in Kgs.)			
	1985	1986	1987	(1988 upto June)
Opium	6,840	8,790 (236)	2,929 (22)	1,372 (7)
Morphine	125	207 (1)	115 (—)	4 (—)
Heroin	761	2,621 (2)	2,747 (16)	1,708 (25)
Ganja	66,314	60,619 (—)	53,902 (351)	15,469 (267)
Hashish	10,212	18,090 (243)	14,796 (28)	12,258 (125)

Figures for 1988 are provisional and all figures rounded off to the nearest kilogram

No precise value of the seized drugs can be indicated as this is dependent upon various factors like purity of the drugs, place of seizure/origin, local demand and supply position, etc.

However, the value of other contraband seized during each of the last 3 years and in the current year (upto 31-7-1988) is given below:

Year	Value (Rs. in crores)
1985	172.27
1986	165.10
1987	198.81
1988	165.31

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Special allowance to Central Government employees posted to the North Eastern region

2375. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Govt. employees transferred from other States to the North Eastern region are paid a special allowance;

(b) whether it is also a fact that persons recruited from North Eastern region for Central Govt. employments are deprived of such allowance; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for such discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) Central Govt. Civilian employees having All India transfer liability are entitled to a Special (Duty) Allowance on their posting in the North Eastern Region.

(b) and (c) Special (Duty) Allowance is an incentive given to the employees for attracting and retaining their services in the North Eastern region. For this reason, Special (Duty) Allowance is not admissible to locally recruited employees who do not have all India transfer liability.

Appointment of veterinary officers by National Insurance Company in Assam

2376. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many veterinary officers have been employed by the National Insurance Company in Assam till date;

(b) whether the knowledge of regional language in addition to English is taken to be most essential for such posts;

(c) whether the company recently appointed some veterinary officers in Assam without their having the knowledge of regional language; and

(d) on what basis these appointments were made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Two.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) One officer without the knowledge of regional language was appointed as there was no candidate available in final interview from Assam.

(d) Appointments were made on the basis of qualifications, experience and performance of the candidates in the preliminary and final interviews.

2377. [*Trasferred to the 31st August, 1988*].

Report of World Bank on fiscal imbalances

2378. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has seen the World Development Report 1988 published by the World Bank identifying fiscal imbalances as the major factor underlying slow growth and instability in developing countries and advocating enhanced user charges in public utilities, greater decentralisation in decision making and revenue raising to local Governments and reform of State-owned enterprises through greater involvement of market and private sector; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The World Development Report is published annually by the World Bank. The 1988 Report is in two parts, the First of which reviews recent trends in the world economy and their implications for the future prospects of developing countries. The second part examines the role of public finance in development. The Report is a study by the staff of the World Bank, and the judgements and recommendations do not necessarily reflect the views of Bank Management.

Government of India's policies are determined, indently based on its own priorities and perceptions.